

In the first stage, 400 Km. Expressway between Vadodara and Mumbai has been taken up for feasibility study. The remaining 600 Km. will be selected out of other high density corridors i.e. Delhi-Chandigarh (249 Km.) on NH-1 and NH-22, Bangalore-(Chennai (334 Km.) on NH-4, Delhi-Jaipur (261 Km.) on NH-8, Delhi-Meerut (66 Km.) on NH-58, Kolkata-Dhanbad (277 Km.) on NH-2 and Delhi-Agra (200 Km.) on NH-2, based on the prioritisation study being taken up by National Highways Authority of India.

Trans-shipment terminal at Vizhinjam

2534. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security clearance has been given to the proposed international container trans-shipment terminal at Vizhinjam in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Government of India has decided not to grant security clearance to the bidder proposed by the Government of Kerala for undertaking the project for the development of Deep Water International Container Trans-shipment Terminal at Vizhinjam in Kerala. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

Road projects in Jharkhand

2535. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road projects under various programmes that had been under implementation in the State of Jharkhand as on 1st April, 2004;

(b) the details of projects executed out of the same till 31st October, 2006;

(c) the details of new/additional projects taken up and/or planned for the State during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively; and

(d) the current status of their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). There were 18 projects under implementation on NHs in Jharkhand on 1.4.2004 and out of this, 11 projects have been completed by 31.10.2006 as per details given in Statement-I enclosed (See below).

(c) and (d) The details of new/additional projects on NHs taken up and/or planned for State of Jharkhand from 2004-05 to 2006-07 and their current status of implementation are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of Road Projects in Jharkhand

Sl. No.	Category/Sub-Head	No. of projects under implementation as on 1.4.2004	No. of projects completed as on 31.10.2006
A. National Highways entrusted to State Government			
1.	Widening	2	1
2.	Improvement of Riding Quality	5	4
3.	Cross-drainage/drainage	7	4
4.	Others	2	2
SUB TOTAL:		16	11
B. National Highways entrusted with National Highways Authority of India			
5.	Four-laning of NH-2 in Jharkhand under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP) Phase I	2	
TOTAL:		18	11

Statement-II*Details of new/additional projects on NHs taken up in Jharkhand***(A) National Highways entrusted to State Government:**

Sl.No.	Year	Category/Sub Head	No. of new/ additional work taken up/to be taken up	Status of Implementation	
				Completed	In Progress
1.	2004-05	Strengthening	1	-	1
		Improvement of Riding Quality	15	15	
		Others-DPR	1	1	
SUB TOTAL:			17	16	1
2.	2005-06	Widening	4	-	4
		Improvement of Riding Quality	4	2	2
		Cross-Drainage	3	-	3
		Land Acquisition	1	-	1
		Others	2	1	1
SUB TOTAL:			14	3	11
3.	2006-07	Widening	2	In the process of Tender/award stage	
(Sanctioned		Widening & Strengthening	2		
		Strengthening	1		
		Improvement of Riding Quality	4		
		Cross-drainage	2		
		Others-Geometric Improvement	2		
SUB TOTAL:			13		

During year 2006-07, 13 work amounting to Rs. 33.15 crore have already been sanctioned. It is proposed to sanction additional works

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within Rs. 52 crore depending upon projects/estimates preparation by the State Government.

(B) Projects proposed in National Highways Development Project Phase-III:

Phase IIIA:

Four-laning of Hazaribagh-Ranchi section of NH-33

Phase IIIB (DPR Preparation):

Barhi-Hazaribagh and Ranchi-Jamshedpur sections of NH-33.

Operation of Vallarpadam Trans-shipment hub

2536. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when would the Vallarpadam trans-shipment hub be fully completed and operations started;

(b) whether this would be sufficient for all our shipping needs of trans-shipment or we have to depend upon Colombo, Singapore or Dubai for trans-shipment;

(c) the amount of revenue in terms of rupees the country is loosing by not having sufficient trans-shipment hubs in India alone; and

(d) how does his Ministry propose to make Indian shipping industry self-sufficient for trans-shipment?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) As per the Licence Agreement signed by Cochin Port Trust with the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) operator, M/s India Gateway Terminal Private Limited, the BOT operator is obligated to commence commercial operations of Phase-I of the International Container Trans-shipment Terminal (ICTT) not later than twenty four (24) months from the date of commencement of construction works.

(b) to (d) There has been a steady decline in trans-shipment of Indian origin/bound cargo at ports outside India over the past few years as a result of development of facilities for handling direct to destination cargo in the Indian ports. It is not possible to compute the loss if any, to the country